

Public Safety During Construction



Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project

Architectural Integrity. Building
Functionality. Life Safety.

The Capitol is an active construction site. Your safety is our number one priority. We have incorporated the highest level of safety measures into every procedure.

Protecting the Public

- Fire and life-safety systems are operational in occupied areas. Fire extinguishers are located throughout construction areas.
- All areas used by the public and construction workers will be kept clean and free of hazards at all times.
- Lighting will be maintained in all public areas.
- Physical walls and other barriers are in place to protect and separate the public from construction zones.
- Construction entrances have doors that are clearly marked with signs to prevent accidental entrance by unauthorized individuals and the general public.
- Reasonable ADA accommodations will be maintained.

Environmental Monitoring

- During dust-creating activities, work areas use sealed enclosures and high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration machines to minimize dust migration into public areas.
- Wireless environmental monitoring equipment has been installed to monitor air quality, temperature, humidity, sound levels, and vibration, with preset thresholds throughout the building. The construction team is instantly alerted if any element reaches its threshold.

Meeting Safety Standards

- Governing authorities have reviewed and approved all temporary life-safety measures and exit pathways for each phase of construction.
- The St. Paul Fire Department periodically reviews the project site (both public areas and construction zones) to help identify any potential public safety concerns.
- OSHA periodically performs inspections of the jobsite. No safety violations have been found.
- There have been no lost-time injuries on the Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project going back to 2010, when the exterior project started.
- J.E. Dunn has an onsite safety officer.
- Each subcontractor employs a safety director that participates in site inspections and offers findings and feedback.
- All construction workers are required to attend jobsite orientation prior to starting work at the Capitol. Jobsite orientation focuses on safety issues related to working in an occupied historic landmark building. Weekly safety meetings further emphasize worker and public safety.
- JE Dunn has a zero-tolerance harassment and misconduct policy.
- Workers and the public are encouraged to act upon and/or report any safety issues they may see.